

Is Torture Ever Justified?

Choose the best answer for each of the following questions.

1. A portion of the new 6,000-page report on C.I.A. interrogations was released by
 - a the Senate Intelligence Committee.
 - b the Central Intelligence Agency.
 - c President Barack Obama.
 - d former Vice President Dick Cheney.
2. Waterboarding is a controversial interrogation technique that
 - a involves solitary confinement on a submarine.
 - b the C.I.A. has never acknowledged using.
 - c simulates drowning.
 - d all of the above
3. The controversial interrogation program was approved by President
 - a Bill Clinton.
 - b George W. Bush.
 - c Barack Obama.
 - d Ronald Reagan.
4. Proponents of the interrogation techniques argue that the suspects being interrogated were not entitled to the protections of the international Geneva Conventions because they were
 - a American citizens.
 - b prisoners of war.
 - c enemy combatants.
 - d none of the above
5. The interrogation tactics in question were used at secret detention sites as well as
 - a at the Guantánamo prison in Cuba.
 - b in federal prisons across the U.S.
 - c on the battlefield in Afghanistan.
 - d all of the above
6. Former Vice President Dick Cheney has spoken out _____ the controversial interrogation techniques.
 - a to apologize for
 - b to demand an investigation into
 - c to defend the use of
 - d to blame Senator John McCain for

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7. Based on the article, infer why President Obama calls the interrogation tactics in question "counterproductive."

8. Why does the author say that the damage from the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks went "far beyond the death toll"? Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
